

**CITY OF HUGHSON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
7018 PINE STREET, HUGHSON, CA**

**MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor George Carr

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor George Carr  
Councilmember Ramon Bawanan  
Councilmember Sam Rush  
Councilmember Mike Buck

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Harold Hill

Staff Present: Merry Mayhew, City Manager  
Ashton Gose, Deputy City Clerk  
Eric Nims, Deputy City Attorney  
Anna Nicholas, Director of Finance and Admin Services  
Carla Jauregui, Acting Community Development Director  
Sarah Chavarin, Accounting Manager  
Fidel Landeros, Chief of Police  
Jose Vasquez, Public Works Superintendent  
Jaime Velazquez, Utilities Superintendent

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**1. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR (No Action Can Be Taken):**

NONE.

**2. PRESENTATIONS:**

**2.1:** Proclaim August 2, 2022 as National Night Out.

**Mayor Carr proclaimed August 2, 2022 as National Night Out in the City of Hughson.**

**2.2:** Recognition of Ashton Gose for 5 Years of Service.

**Mayor Carr recognized Ashton Gose for 5 years of service.**

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**All items listed on the Consent Calendar are to be acted upon by a single action of the City Council unless otherwise requested by an individual Councilmember for special consideration. Otherwise, the recommendation of staff will be accepted and acted upon by roll call vote.**

**3.1:** Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 27, 2022.

**3.2:** Approve the Warrants Register.

**3.3:** Adopt Resolution No. 2022-32, Making the Required AB 361 Findings for the use of Teleconference Meetings for the Period July 14, 2022 – August 13, 2022.

**3.4:** Adopt Resolution No. 2022-33, Approving the Professional Services Agreement with Condor Earth Technologies, Inc., for MS4 Trash Provision Requirement Support.

**BUCK/BAWANAN 4-0-0-1 motion passes to approve the consent calendar as presented, with the following roll call vote:**

BAWANAN	RUSH	BUCK	HILL	CARR
AYE	AYE	AYE	ABSENT	AYE

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: NONE.**

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

**6.1:** Presentation and Discussion of Golf Carts and Low-Speed Electric Vehicles.

**Chief Landeros presented the staff report on this item.**

**Mayor Carr opened public comment at 6:37PM.**

**Five Hughson residents provided verbal comment on this item.**

**Five Hughson residents provided written comment on this item. These comments are attached to be kept on file as part of the official record of this City Council meeting.**

**Mayor Carr closed public comment at 7:05PM.**

**No action was taken.**

**6.2: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-34, Approving the Master Property Tax Revenue Agreement between Stanislaus County and the City of Hughson.**

**City Manager Mayhew presented the staff report on this item.**

**Mayor Carr opened public comment at 7:34PM. There was no public comment. Mayor Carr closed public comment at 7:34PM.**

**BAWANAN/CARR 4-0-0-1 motion passes to adopt Resolution No. 2022-34, Approving the Master Property Tax Revenue Agreement between Stanislaus County and the City of Hughson, with the following roll call vote:**

<b>BAWANAN</b>	<b>RUSH</b>	<b>BUCK</b>	<b>HILL</b>	<b>CARR</b>
<b>AYE</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**7. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE.**

**8. COMMENTS:**

**8.1: Staff Reports and Comments: (Information Only – No Action)**

**City Manager:**

City Manager Mayhew provided an update regarding Notice of Availability of Stanislaus County 2022-2027 Public Review Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

**Deputy City Clerk:**

Deputy City Clerk Gose provided a reminder that the Candidate Nomination Period for the 2022 Gubernational General Election begins Monday, July 18, 2022.

**Police Services:**

Chief Landeros provided the City Council with the latest Crime Statistic Report.

**8.2: Council Comments: (Information Only – No Action)**

**Councilmember Bawanan thanked Chief Landeros, and staff for the golf cart presentation. He also thanked Hughson Police Services and City staff for their continued hard work.**

Councilmember Rush announced the opening of a new Hughson restaurant, Ranch Hand by Slick Fork.

Councilmember Buck thanked Hughson Police Services and City staff for their continued hard work.

8.3: Mayor’s Comments: (Information Only – No Action)

Mayor Carr thanked Chief Landeros, and staff for the golf cart presentation. He attended the Stanislaus County Fair to help with the Hughson Ag Program on July 11, 2022.

**9. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:**

9.1: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Agency designated representative: Mayor George Carr  
Unrepresented employee: City Manager

No reportable action.

9.2: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One (1) case

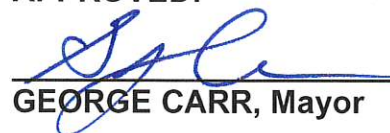
No reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

BUCK/CARR 4-0-0-1 motion passes to adjourn the regular meeting of July 11, 2022, at 8:16 PM with the following roll call vote:

BAWANAN	RUSH	BUCK	HILL	CARR
AYE	AYE	AYE	ABSENT	AYE

APPROVED:

  
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GEORGE CARR, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
ASHTON GOSE, Deputy City Clerk

## Ashton Gose

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**From:** Terri Bartgis [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2022 9:39 AM  
**To:** Ashton Gose  
**Subject:** Golf Cart Community

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I support a Golf Cart Community in Hughson.

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## Ashton Gose

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**From:** Kole Oliveira [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2022 9:50 AM  
**To:** Ashton Gose  
**Subject:** Fwd: A letter regarding agenda item 6.1 at council meeting

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Kole Oliveira

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kole Oliveira [REDACTED]  
**Date:** July 11, 2022 at 06:44:20 PDT  
**To:** gcarr@hughson.org  
**Cc:** mbuck@hughson.org, strush@hughson.org, rbawanan@hughson.org, hhill@hughson.org  
**Subject:** A letter regarding agenda item 6.1 at council meeting

City council members,

My name is Kole Oliveira, I have been a resident since 2009. I have got married and started a family in this town, and I plan to raise my kids here, and stay here after they move out. We have fallen in love with this little town and even got some of our closest friends and family to move here.

Almost a year ago, between friends and family moving close by, my son starting at Hughson elementary/ starting t- ball at HYSB, and the steep rise in the price of gas. My wife and I made the decision to purchase an electric low speed vehicle in the form of a golf cart. We did our research from what size and type would fit our family best, to safety, to local laws regarding low speed vehicles.

We looked up any city ordinances called code enforcement, even the local sheriff station. We were given no solid direction. We decided to pull the trigger and purchase a golf type cart with all the safety features: seatbelts, headlights, tail lights, break lights, blinkers. We obey the rules of the road, stay on 25 MPH speed limit streets, and respect others on the road.

It has been one of the best purchases we have made. If it's taking the kids to school, going to one of the many great food options here in Hughson, visiting family and friends, or taking the family on an evening "cruise" and enjoy some quality time with my family while exchanging pleasantries with people out watering their lawn, getting some exercise, even a waive to local law enforcement as they patrol. I personally have never been met with anything but waves, thumbs up, and the occasional question on my cart.

We have noticed the cart population in Hughson has gone up since our purchase. It has turned into a nice community of people who all want what I wanted and got since purchasing my cart. Recently, we have heard some talk around town of a small few who do not like or want these carts on the

streets. So that is why we felt we had to get ahead of this, and show the people in opposition, all the families involved in this movement. How more carts on the street will make the streets of Hughson safe, and tighter as a community. Just this little town always has been since I moved here and long before that. Making us register our carts through the state, I believe, will deter people from embracing this great small town, family community from purchasing a cart.

Please accept this letter in relation to this agenda item 6.1, as I am not able to attend, but support and whole heartedly, and think this is a great thing for the city of Hughson and its citizens. Something we can be proud of and represent the City.

Any questions please don't hesitate to ask,

Kole Oliveira

[REDACTED]  
1816 Palermo dr.

Sent from my iPad

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## Ashton Gose

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**From:** Lindsey Oliveira <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2022 11:09 AM  
**To:** Ashton Gose  
**Subject:** As public comment for agenda item 6.1

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Dear Hughson City Council,

My name is Lindsey Oliviera. I am writing you to express my support for the use of golf carts in our community. I have been a Hughson resident for about 10 years. My husband and I fell in love with the small town feel of Hughson. We feel Hughson is a strong and safe community and we are so thankful to call Hughson home. With all the growth recently it has been a struggle for many to find a way to "keep hughson small" as it relates to the closeness within the community. I feel golf cart use in the community not only promotes a safer mode of transportation but encourages conversations with neighbors and supports local businesses.

We have had our golf cart for about a year now and have enjoyed using it safely around town. This past year we have utilized local restaurants and stores more than ever because the golf cart makes transportation so easy. The use of golf carts in town not only encourages residents to support local business but it reduces emissions, helps to preserve roads by reducing the wear and tear from large vehicles, and ensures safe transportation as these carts can not exceed 25 mph. With gas prices being at an all time high it has been nice to have safe alternative transportation around town to enjoy local restaurants and shops. in addition, school pick up and drop off is safe a simple with the cart. Golf carts are quiet and create no disturbance or safely concern to others.

Our family has driven by countless sheriffs and community members. We have be met with nothing but support, friendly waves, and compliments. Please consider keeping that small town feel alive in Hughson by supporting the use of golf carts in the community.

Unfortunately I am unable to make it to tonight's city council meeting due to work conflicts. Please accept this letter in full support of tonight's agenda item regarding of golf carts in the community.

Thank you,  
Lindsey Oliveira

Sent from my iPhone

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**Ashton Gose**

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**From:** Jillian Bartgis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2022 12:38 PM  
**To:** Ashton Gose  
**Subject:** Golf Cart public comment for agenda item 6,1

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Hello,

My name is Jillian Evans, and I am a resident of Hughson. I am writing to show my support in having Hughson be a golf cart community. Thank you.

-Jillian Evans

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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## Ashton Gose

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**From:** Katie Dalton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2022 1:48 PM  
**To:** Ashton Gose  
**Subject:** Forward to city council; public comment for agenda item 6.1

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To whom it may concern:

Please find this email as a support email regarding making Hughson a golf cart community.

Our family is a family of four, my husband is a firefighter and our children are five and two. It has been brought to our attention that some community members have complained about golf carts recently, I am unaware of the direct complaints but our family has had a golf cart and driven it in the community for a little over a year now with no issues. We pull over to the side to let vehicles pass and only use it within the city limits, on streets with a 25mph posted speed limit or less.

Having a golf cart in our family has prompted us to shop local more often, being able to drive downtown to shop/eat without having to use gas has really been a benefit for our family. We have really enjoyed getting to know the community better and supporting small businesses.

Our family feels that the golf carts not only help our community in that aspect but they also promote safety because they drive within the speed limits of our town which ultimately slows traffic down because we all know many vehicles speed in our small town but golf carts do not have that ability.

We feel that creating this town into a golf cart community would greatly benefit our small businesses, our children, and the economy here locally. Our family would much rather make an arrangement through our local city than give money to the DMV to register our golf cart where our community wouldn't see any benefits of that.

We appreciate your time and consideration on this matter.

Thank you,

Katie and Andrew Dalton  
[REDACTED]

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